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SUBJECT: ASW TEAM

SUMMARY: ROK NAVY STILL CONSIDERS SHIPBORNE HELICOPTER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AS A REQUIREMENT FOR COASTAL WATER DEFENSE. INCLUDED UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THE FRENCH ALOUETTE. THIS ARGUES FOR EARLY VISIT BY ASW TEAM OF EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, THE DCNO FOR LOGISTICS, ROK NAVY, ADMIRAL SHIN, DISCUSSED ROK PERCEPTION OF ITS COASTAL WATER DEFENSE NEEDS AND INDICATED KOREANS STILL FAVORED SHIPBORNE HELICOPTER FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES. DCNO SOUGHT US IN-COUNTRY APPROVAL OF THIS REQUIREMENT AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING IF THE US IN FACT HAD HELICOPTERS THAT COULD FULFILL THE MISSION, SUCH AS THE FRENCH ALOUETTE.

2. CHIEF, JUSMAG-K ADVISED ADMIRAL SHIN THAT THIS REQUIREMENT HAD NOT BEEN JOINTLY ACCEPTED BY THE US

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AND THE ROKS, BUT WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. INASMUCH AS THE

SHIPBORNE HELICOPTER QUESTION WAS A PART OF THE OVERALL ANTI-SHIP/ANTI-SUBMARINE PROBLEM, REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE FURTHER STUDIED IN THE CONTEXT BROAD STUDY OF ASW PROBLEMS. JUSMAG-K ADVISED THAT THIRD COUNTRY PROCUREMENT OF A NON-AGREED TO REQUIREMENT COULD JEOPARDIZE US SUPPORT FOR ASW NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS AT MND IN RESPONSE TO COMUSK QUERY ABOUT STATUS OF ROK NEGOTIATIONS ON THIRD COUNTRY PROCUREMENT OF A SHIPBORNE HELICOPTER, MINISTER SUH CHONG-CHOL ADAMANTLY STATED THAT THIS REQUIREMENT WAS ONLY UNDER STUDY AT THIS TIME, NO PROCUREMENT WAS PLANNED, AND CERTAINLY BOTH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT AND ALSO SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WOULD BE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY WITH U.S.

4. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING ROK INTEREST IN SHIPBORNE HELICOPTERING, I AGAIN URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THE ASW STUDY TEAM REQUESTED AND DISCUSSED DURING THE SCM BE SENT TO SEOUL QUICKLY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN OVERALL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM FOR THE ROK NAVY.

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